

## THE FREEDMEN IN GEORGIA.

**Report of the Conference between Secretary Stanton, Gen. Sherman and the Colored People of Savannah.**

In the course of a very interesting and eloquent sermon, by Mr. Beecher, of Plymouth Church, last evening, in support of the rights of the black man to universal suffrage, in common with all men, Mr. Beecher read the following report of a meeting recently held at Savannah between the Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, and Major-Gen. Sherman, on the one part, and a number of colored class-leaders, deacons and deacons, on the other. The report was placed in Mr. Beecher's hands by the Secretary of War himself, who, during his recent visit to Gen. Sherman at Savannah, held, in conjunction with the General, the conference with these representatives of the colored population, in order to learn their views as to what they desired should be done in their behalf by the Government. Mr. Beecher stated that the document was a verbatim photographic report of the questions that were put and the answers elicited. It is a most remarkable paper:

### MINUTES OF AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE COLONEL MINISTERS AND CHURCH OFFICERS AT SAVANNAH WITH THE SECRETARY OF WAR AND MAJOR-GEN. SHERMAN.

HEADQUARTERS OF MAJ.-GEN. SHERMAN,

CITY OF SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 12, 1865.—S. F. M.

On the evening of Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1865, the following persons of African descent met by appointment to hold an interview with Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, and Major-Gen. Sherman, to have a conference upon matters relating to the freedmen of the State of Georgia, to wit:

One: William J. Campbell, aged 51 years, born in Savannah, slave until 1851, when he enlisted by his master, Mrs. May Maxwell. For ten years he was a teacher of the 3d African Baptist Church. In the winter fifteen years, congregation 1,222 persons; church property worth \$10,000, belonging to the congregation.

Two: Ulysses L. Houston, aged forty-one years, born in Gramblin, S. C.; slave until the Union army entered Savannah. Owned by Moses Henderson, Savannah, and pastor of Third African Baptist Church. Congregation numbering 400. Church property worth \$5,000, belongs to congregation. In the ministry about eight years.

Three: William Bradley, aged 72 years, born in Savannah, slave until 1851, when his master John W. Walker, purchased him by will, Pastor of Andrew's Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church—only one of that denomination in Savannah; congregation numbering 300 members; church property worth about \$20,000, and owned by the congregation; been in the ministry about twenty years; a member of Georgia Conference.

Four: Charles Bradwell, aged 40 years, born in Liberty County, Ga.; slave until 1851; emancipated by will of his master, J. L. Bradwell. Local preacher in First Methodist Episcopal congregation (Andrew's Chapel) in the absence of the minister; in the ministry 10 years.

Five: William Gaines, aged 41 years; born in Wilkes Co., Ga., slave until the Union forces freed me. Owned by Robert Toombs, formerly United States Senator, and his brother, Gabriel Toombs, local preacher of the M. E. Church (Andrew's Chapel). In the ministry 16 years.

Six: James Hill, aged 50 years; born in Bryan Co., Ga., slave up to the time the Union army came in. Owned by Dr. F. Willings, of Savannah. In the ministry 18 years.

Seven: Glasgow Taylor, aged 72 years, born in Wilkes County, Ga., Slave until the Union army came; owned by A. P. Wether. Is a local preacher of the M. E. Church (Andrew's Chapel). In the ministry 33 years.

Eight: Garrison Frazier, aged 67 years, born in Greenville County, N. Y. Slave until eight years ago, when he bought himself for \$800. Has been in the ministry about 10 years.

Nine: John Miller, aged 50 years; born in Savannah; free born, and a licensed preceptor of the first Baptist Church. Has been eight years in the ministry.

Ten: Abraham Wardell, aged 48 years, born in Liberty County, Ga., Slave until freed by the Union Army. Owned by R. A. Solomon, Savannah, and is now employed in the Baptist Church. Has been in the ministry 6 years.

Eleven: Arthur Wardell, aged 47 years, born in Bryan County, Georgia. Slave until 10 years ago, when he bought himself for \$800. Has been in the ministry about 10 years.

Twelve: Richard Godfrey, aged 57 years, born in Marion Co., Ga., Slave until the Union army freed me; owned by W. W. Lincoln of Savannah. Is a class-leader and steward of Andrew's Chapel since 1856.

Thirteen: John Johnson, aged 51 years, born in Bryan County, Georgia. Slave up to the time the Union Army came; owned by W. W. Lincoln of Savannah. Is a class-leader and treasurer of Andrew's Chapel for nine years.

Fourteen: Jas. Porter, aged 39 years, born in Charleston, S. C.; his mother having purchased him and his wife, paying \$1,000 in gold and silver. Is an ordained minister in the Baptist Church, and is class-leader in Andrew's Chapel for nine years.

Fifteen: Adolphus Delmonte, aged 28 years, born in Savannah; free born. Is a licensed minister of Third African Baptist Church. Licensed about one month ago.

Sixteen: Andrew Neal, aged 61 years, born in Savannah; slave until the Union army liberated him. Owned by Mr. Wm. Gibson, and his been dead in the ministry about 10 years.

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